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Lesson 18 Vocabulary Words

Directions: Write a sentence for each word.

1. commodious

2. finite

3. gamut

4. incalculable

5. iota

6. lofty

7. miniscule

8. picayune

9. vestige

10. wane

WRITE THE CORRECT WORD

Write the correct word in the space next to each definition.

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| _____ 1. the complete range | _____ 6. a tiny bit |
| _____ 2. a trace | _____ 7. elevated |
| _____ 3. paltry; unimportant | _____ 8. having boundaries |
| _____ 4. spacious | _____ 9. very small |
| _____ 5. to diminish | _____ 10. beyond measurement |

COMPLETE THE SENTENCE

Write the letter for the word that best completes each sentence.

- _____ 1. Interior designers sometimes use a mirrored wall to make a small room appear more _____.
a. commodious b. incalculable c. minuscule d. picayune
- _____ 2. The last _____ of the roast turkey was devoured by the dog.
a. wane b. finite c. vestige d. gamut
- _____ 3. In one day, the price of the stock ran the _____ from its all-time high to its all-time low.
a. wane b. gamut c. commodity d. vestige
- _____ 4. The sorrow she suffered after the death of her mother was _____.
a. picayune b. finite c. incalculable d. lofty
- _____ 5. "Don't come to me with _____ details—just get the job done!" barked the boss.
a. commodious b. waning c. lofty d. picayune
- _____ 6. Mr. Wu wouldn't budge one _____ when I asked for an extension on my paper.
a. iota b. wane c. gamut d. minuscule
- _____ 7. Many knights in the Middle Ages held firm to the _____ ideals of chivalry.
a. commodious b. picayune c. finite d. lofty
- _____ 8. The band was on the _____ when the singer left to go out on her own.
a. gamut b. vestige c. wane d. picayune
- _____ 9. Unfortunately, we have only a very _____ list of options.
a. lofty b. finite c. commodious d. incalculable
- _____ 10. The spider's _____ eggs were barely visible to the unaided eye.
a. commodious b. finite c. waning d. minuscule

Challenge: Never one to make _____ points, Grandma said wisely that _____ ideas don't matter one iota if you don't put them into action.
a. lofty...incalculable b. picayune...lofty c. finite...minuscule

- _____ 3. Crime scene investigators can get vital information from just a _____ scrap of fabric. (*minuscule*)
- _____ 4. Sheila resented what she called her sister's "constant _____ criticisms." (*picayune*)
- _____ 5. The _____ of your aims is belied by the questionable methods you use to achieve them. (*lofty*)
- _____ 6. The appendix is a _____ organ. (*vestige*)
- _____ 7. My grandmother refuses to take any medicines, even when the risks of side effects are _____ small. (*incalculable*)
- _____ 8. The forum featured speakers who represented the entire _____ of opinions on the issue. (*gamut*)
- _____ 9. His stern expression didn't betray an _____ of sympathy. (*iota*)
- _____ 10. The teacher explained the waxing and _____ of the moon. (*wane*)

FIND THE EXAMPLE

Choose the answer that best describes the action or situation.

- _____ 1. The *vestiges* of an ancient civilization
a. dinosaur bones b. history museums c. pottery shards d. grocery stores
- _____ 2. A phrase that indicates a *gamut*
a. for better or worse b. from A to Z c. silver lining d. according to law
- _____ 3. A *lofty* thing to do
a. give to charity b. get a job c. fly in a plane d. climb the stairs
- _____ 4. A *minuscule* creature
a. weasel b. horse c. rat d. mosquito
- _____ 5. The person who would most likely need a *commodious* vehicle
a. a mother of five b. a doctor c. a businesswoman d. an elderly man
- _____ 6. Something *incalculable*
a. distance to moon b. area of Mars c. number of stars d. diameter of Venus
- _____ 7. A *picayune* criticism of a used car
a. gets poor mileage b. has tiny scratch c. has no seat belts d. burns too much oil
- _____ 8. The action that would most likely make a band's popularity *wane*
a. insulting fans b. making a new album c. going on tour d. creating a fan site
- _____ 9. An *iota*
a. stately mansion b. vast desert c. old cheese d. speck of dust
- _____ 10. Something that is probably NOT *finite*
a. a ruler's reign b. the universe c. your college years d. the planet Earth